

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 603

BY REPRESENTATIVE FIRMENT

INSURANCE/HEALTH: Provides relative to claims of pharmacies and pharmacists

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1852(A)(introductory paragraph) and (7) and
3 1856.1(B)(introductory paragraph) and (2)(b), relative to claims of pharmacies and
4 pharmacists; to modify definitions; to provide relative to pharmacy record audits;
5 and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S.22:1852(A)(introductory paragraph) and (7) and
8 1856.1(B)(introductory paragraph) and (2)(b) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as
9 follows:

10 §1852. Definitions

11 As used in this Subpart, the following terms ~~shall be~~ are defined as follows:

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13 (7) "Health insurance issuer" means an insurance company or its agent,
14 including a health maintenance organization as defined and licensed pursuant to
15 Subpart I of Part I of Chapter 2 of this Title, unless preempted as an employee
16 benefit plan under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. For
17 purposes of this Subpart, a "health insurance issuer" shall include the Office of
18 Group Benefits.

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1 §1856.1. Pharmacy record audits; recoupment; appeals

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3 B. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, when an audit
4 or other review of the records of a pharmacy is conducted by an entity, ~~the audit it~~
5 shall be conducted in accordance with the following criteria:

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7 (2)

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9 (b) Nothing in this Paragraph ~~shall prohibit~~ prohibits review of a claim filed
10 by a pharmacy to determine if the claim is payable or ~~is~~ paid correctly. Such review
11 ~~may require the submission of prescription copies and other documentation related~~
12 ~~to the specific claims under review~~ but shall not require the pharmacy to provide any
13 additional information ~~not related to those specific claims.~~

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides relative to claims and records of pharmacies and pharmacists.

Present law defines "health insurance issuer". Proposed law modifies the definition to include the agent of an insurance company. Otherwise retains present law.

Present law provides for audits of pharmacy records. Proposed law retains present law but provides for other reviews of pharmacy records.

Present law does not prohibit the review of a claim filed by a pharmacy to determine if the claim is payable or paid correctly. Provides that such review may require the pharmacy's submission of prescription copies and other documentation related to the specific claims under review.

Proposed law deletes any additional required submission of prescription copies and other documentation to provide that such review of a claim does not require the pharmacy to provide additional information.

(Amends R.S. 22:1852(A)(intro. para.) and (7) and 1856.1(B)(intro. para.) and (2)(b))